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TO: Each Supervisor
FROM: *Robin Kay for*
Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health
SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION TO RELEASE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
FOR AN INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION
SYSTEM (IBHIS) #DMH-0908B1**

This notice is to advise your Board that the Department of Mental Health (DMH) intends to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS), a combined clinical, administrative and financial system (System) substantially funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). DMH plans to release the RFP on September 17, 2008, and we will keep you apprised of our progress.

In November 2004, voters in California passed Proposition 63, now called the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). MHSA provides a great opportunity for DMH to reengineer the way it delivers mental health services, but it also requires significantly improved automated support in order to meet expectations for performance and outcome measures reporting. DMH cannot meet MHSA program transformation and reporting expectations with its current automation.

The ultimate goal of DMH is to migrate to a paperless environment by obtaining a product that will enable the Department to meet the Federal and State guidelines for an Electronic Health Record. The proposed System will replace DMH's existing legacy mainframe-based Mental Health Management Information System (MHMIS) and the web-based "wrapper" of the MHMIS known as the Integrated System (IS), which was implemented in 2004 to meet Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Transaction and Code Set requirements. The IBHIS will bring the operation of our mental health system into alignment with 21st century expectations.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Roderick Shaner, M.D., DMH Medical Director, at (213) 738-4603, or Robert Greenless, Ph.D., DMH Chief Information Officer, at (213) 251-6481.

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